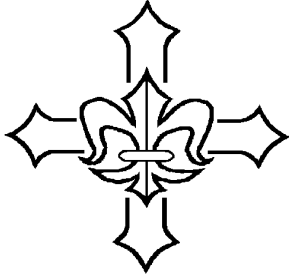


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 10th May 2009

Easter 5

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist and Hannah's Baptism

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Deacon: Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Reading	Acts 8: 26 - end, 1 John 3: 16 - end
Reader	Arthur Denny
Gospel	John 15: 1 - 8
Intercessions	Dai Morgan
Hymns	351, 115 Baptised in water, 408, 420
Communion	For love, 276ii

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Readings	Isaiah 60: 1 – 14, Revelation: 3: 1 - 13
Hymns	416ii, 369, 331
Psalm	96 (162)

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: St Annes Lane, The Stiles, New Street and St Annes Court

Charity of the month: Tear Fund

Holy Communion. All are welcome at the altar rail. If you are a communicant member of your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Or if you would like to receive a Blessing, please come forward with a hymn book, kneel at the rail and bow your head.

NOTICES

Hannah Rosemary Busk

Hannah will be baptised during the 9.45 am Sung Eucharist today. We will hold a simple celebration afterwards in the Vicarage garden (or Church Hall if wet), and would be delighted if the St Mary's family could join us. This invitation is for all who ever worship at St Mary's, and especially for children! No need to reply - please come.

Ely Festival of Church Music –

This year's annual Festival of Church Music in the Cathedral on next **Saturday 16 May** is part of the 'Ely 900' celebrations, that is, the nine hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Ely. The theme '**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever**' (Hebrews 13:8) has been chosen to represent the past, the present, and the future mission of the Church under her head Jesus Christ. The music and liturgy have been selected to provide a thoughtful blend of the old and the new, reflecting the three headings, with special reference in many parts to the Diocese of Ely. Not only are traditional anthems and hymns included, but there are new compositions of both words and music to celebrate this milestone in the Diocese's history. The Ely RSCM Committee is delighted that John Rutter has accepted an invitation to compose a new anthem, based on the words of our Saviour 'I am with you always, even unto the end of the world', which will receive its first performance at the Festival and will be conducted by the composer. A new hymn, 'Saints of Ely', has also been written for the occasion, with a new tune and descant specially composed for it.

Apart from the John Rutter anthem, the Festival will be conducted by Paul Trepte (Director of Music, Ely Cathedral), with Jonathan Lilley at the organ. As always, our

choir will be taking part in the Festival and it is hoped that they will be supported by many members of the congregation on this special occasion. The service starts at 5.30 and you are advised to be seated by 5.00.

Ken Diffey (458846)

Spring BBO.

In the Church Hall next Sunday 17 May. Tickets from Val Pithey (454851); adults £5.00 and children £2.50.

We welcome any donations to the raffle.

Val Pithey

St Mary's 0-5 group

We are looking for more volunteers to join the tea making rota for the 0-5 group which meets every Thursday in term time from 10 to 11.30 am in the Comrades Club, Volunteers are usually required to help approximately once a month. If you are able to help please contact

Jo Jones (395862) or Sheila Hartwell (453336).

Annual Plant Sale

A reminder for your diary that we will be holding the sixteenth annual plant sale on Sunday 24 May 2009. The sale will take place as usual in the drive of Island Hall by kind permission of Christopher and Lady Linda Vane Percy. The gardens of Island Hall will also be open. Some assistance to help staff the stalls will be needed on the day. If you are interested please contact me or Peter Irving (***382144***)

Roy Norris (431961)

Christian Aid week 10-16 May 2009

Christian Aid is the official development agency of 41 church denominations in the UK and Ireland. They help people of all faiths and none, focussing money and energy where they will have the greatest

effect. I have already been contacting those who have kindly acted as collectors before but would like some new collectors please. If you would like to help please contact me.

Trevor Weedon (413264)

Choirs in Concert

Musica Beata from Szentendre, Hungary will be joining with the Aragon Singers to give a concert in church next Saturday 16 May 16 at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £6 and are available after church today and next week from ***Jean Morgan, or from 2A Earning Street at anytime.***

Wives' Group

On Tuesday 12 May we will be visiting the D'Arcy and Everest nursery and gardens in Pidley. This nursery exhibits at Chelsea and other major shows and the gardens feature alpines, vegetables, perennials and stone troughs are a speciality. Depart Godmanchester 6.30pm. ***For further details contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018).***

Church opening on Sunday afternoons, May – Sept 2009

This will be the fourth year we have done this, and once again we are looking for volunteers. By far the easiest and most efficient way of keeping the church open is for volunteers to sign up for a whole afternoon (2pm –5pm). This way we need only twenty two volunteers to cover the whole summer. But if you can't commit to an entire afternoon, the rota at the back of the church allows you to put your name down for a single hour, or two hours. If you don't have a key to the west door, the church will be opened for you, and locked up again at 5pm. Our experience from the past is that the number of visitors is small, although increasing year by year, but those

that do come are most grateful for the opportunity of seeing inside the church. And some have tales to tell, like the choir boy from the 1930's who visited last year! For more details, and some notes that may help you through the afternoon, please phone us on the telephone number below.

Liz and Peter Irving (01480 382144)

Linen Sheets.

If anyone has any old linen sheets they don't want please could I have them to make the small church linen articles such as purificators and corporals. I find this sort of linen is fine for such things and new linen is now very expensive to buy.

Thank you. Jean Morgan

Notice concerning the Bells of our Church

HCBRS will be carrying out annual maintenance on the bells on Friday evening 15 May.

Ruth Ball

Prayer Corner

It is St Matthias the Apostle's day on Thursday. Matthias was chosen by lot to be an apostle and he could have said no. May his fervour to follow Christ encourage us when we have days of doubt about what we should do.

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DIARY

Sunday 10th May – Easter 5

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist and Hannah's Baptism*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film Making (Church Hall)*

Monday 11th May

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close Tel: 436737)*
- 19:30 *Governors' Meeting*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*

Tuesday 12th May

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
Salvation Army Lunch Group visit (Wisbech)
- 18:30 *Wives' Group Visit (D'Arcy & Everest Garden & Nursery)*

Wednesday 13th May

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*

Thursday 14th May

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's Os – 5s (Comrades' Club)*

Friday 15th May

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 16th May

- 17:30 *Ely Diocesan Choirs Festival*
(900th Anniversary – Ely Cathedral)
- 19:30 *Musica Beata (Szentendre) Concert (Church)*

Refreshments are served after the 9.45am Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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